

## **EXHIBIT 4**



AMENDMENT

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

*In the Claims:*

1. (Amended) A dispensing apparatus for dispensing a product from a container, said apparatus comprising:

a container;

a product chamber within the container;

a tilt valve adjacent to the product chamber and having a valve stem provided with an external thread;

a hinge assembly attached to the container;

a lever hingedly attached to the hinge assembly and comprising a bearing portion; and

a nozzle assembly sealingly engageable with the hinge assembly and provided with an internal thread engaged with the external thread of the valve stem,

the nozzle assembly being rotatable relative to the hinge assembly and the lever between open and closed positions of said nozzle assembly and including an actuator portion provided with a surface which cooperates with the lever bearing portion such that in the open position of said nozzle assembly operation of the lever causes movement of the actuator portion to open the valve and permit flow of the product out of the apparatus.

6. (Amended) A dispensing apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said actuator portion comprises a ring member and wherein said surface of said actuator portion is a cam surface and comprises at least one depression and at least one raised surface.

9. (Amended) A dispensing apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said lever comprises two lever bearing portions arranged at opposite sides of said valve.

REMARKS

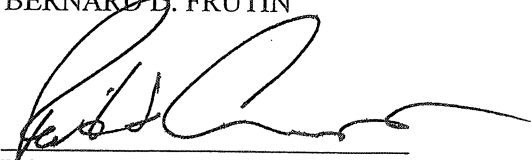
The claims 1, 6 and 9 have been amended to present them in a better form for examination. Support for these amendments can be found on page 10, line 21 through page 11, line 8 of the published PCT application. Claims 3-5, 10, 13 and 14 have been canceled. No new matter has been added to the application by means of these amendments.

An early action on the merits is solicited.

If the Examiner believes that direct communication with the Applicant's representative will expedite examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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APPENDIX - Marked-up Version of Amended Claims

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a product chamber within the container;

a tilt valve adjacent to the product chamber and having a valve stem provided with an external thread;

a hinge assembly attached to the container;

a lever hingedly attached to the hinge assembly and comprising a bearing portion;

and

a nozzle assembly sealingly engageable with the hinge assembly and provided with an internal thread engaged with the external thread of the valve stem,

the nozzle assembly being rotatable relative to the hinge assembly and the lever between open and closed positions of said nozzle assembly and including an actuator portion provided with a [cam] surface which cooperates with the lever bearing portion such that in the open position of said nozzle assembly operation of the lever causes movement of the actuator portion to open the valve and permit flow of the product out of the apparatus.

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6. (Amended) A dispensing apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said actuator portion comprises a ring member and wherein said [cam] surface of said actuator portion is a cam surface and comprises at least one depression and at least one raised surface.

9. (Amended) A dispensing apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said lever [further] comprises two lever bearing portions arranged at opposite sides of said valve.

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